

GOVERNOR'S
ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND RENEWABLES
TASK FORCE

Minutes
Meeting of 12/16/03

The meeting commenced with dialogue regarding general business matters, including the Task Force website and listserv. The website's address is <http://energytaskforcewi.gov> and suggestions for its continued development are welcome. Due to previous commitments, Task Force member Claude Grieger has asked to be replaced by Randy Schneider and no objection was raised. Phone conferencing capabilities for Task Force workgroups is being reviewed by Peter Bock. A draft of Task Force minutes will be circulated to the Task Force and then posted on the website.

The Chair thanked the Task Force for the position papers submitted and encouraged more responses. Position papers are circulated among Task Force members and are posted on the website.

Further discussion of goals continued at this meeting with an objective of listing goals and mission statement on the website. Reference was made to the Executive Order, Janet Brandt's 11/25/03 presentation, and Focus on Energy as sources for mission statement. George Edgar provided a proposed mission statement as to energy efficiency and a request was made of Michael Vickerman to prepare a mission statement regarding renewables.

Priorities were stated by the Chair as follows:

1. Decide administrative model for energy efficiency and provide adequate and secure funding for it;
2. Standards – building codes/appliances/equipment;
3. Other statutory and regulatory policy initiatives including but not limited to the state as an energy provider, tax credits and tax incentives, and doing more for schools and local government;
4. Renewable portfolio standards – mandatory versus targets.

Discussion followed regarding the relative timing of priorities. There was consensus that priority #1 was the most complex task, and work should begin on that. Peter Bock also requested input by 1/5/04 by Task Force members as to

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rebidding or extending contracts regarding the budget cut occurring in the Focus on Energy program in the second year of the biennium.

As to the standards issue, Larry Salustro of Wisconsin Energy Corporation offered to summarize the efforts of the Energy Codes Collaborative and provide a status report to the Task Force.

Workgroups were created and members assigned as follows:

1. Administrative Model and Funding for Energy Efficiency
Sen. Cowles
George Edgar (Co-chair)
Kris Euclide (Co-chair)
Larry Salustro
David Helbach
Roy Thilly
Peter Bock
Nino Amato
2. Other Statutory and Regulatory Initiatives
Rep. Jensen
Brian Rude (Chair)
Keith Reopelle
Tom Mainz
Forrest Ceel
3. Renewables
Rep. Black
Michael Vickerman (Co-chair)
Don Reck (Co-chair)
Dave Simon
Mark Williamson
Charlie Higley

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4. Standards – Building Codes

Sen. Risser
Jim Boullion (Chair)
Randy Schneider
Chuck McGinnis
Doug Johnson

Suggestion was made for initial research papers as follows:

1. Administrative Model and Funding for Energy Efficiency
Secure funding issue; discuss administrative models: contract, trust and public authority; PSC role in resource selection; present data and numbers on current system and discuss where we are administratively now and why
2. Loans versus Rebates
Include discussion of Iowa's loan program and "Performance Edge" program run through utility board; discuss Alliant's shared savings program
3. State as Energy User and Energy Provider
What is state doing now as energy user/provider and what could it do
4. Tax Incentive and Credits
What is the current state of tax incentives and credits? What are the options?

Discussion was had as to staffing resources for workgroups. Available staff includes: Sarah Justus and Cindy Dombrowski of the Department of Administration, Carol Stemrich and Paul Helgeson of the Public Service Commission, and Pat Meier and Oscar Bloch of the Department of Administration. Staff is to let Task Force Chair know their special strengths for participation. Sarah Justus currently has examples of other governmental entities for use in proposed research papers.

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As to public input and public hearings, discussion was had as to holding a public hearing in the Governor's conference room in February or March. There was also discussion regarding holding public hearings of the various workgroups in other locations of the state. The Capitol has video conferencing capabilities, if needed, to hold public hearings.

Regular meetings of the Task Force will be scheduled on a monthly basis in 2004 to occur in the Governor's conference room and phone conferencing availability will be reviewed for possible future use.

A presentation by Carol Stemrich and Paul Helgeson of the Public Service Commission was given on regulatory policies on energy efficiency and renewables followed by a presentation by Peter Bock of the Department of Administration – Division of Energy on current information regarding the Focus on Energy program.

The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for January 13, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. in the Governor's Conference Room.